

(Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 97, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning the human rights and humanitarian situation facing the women and girls of Afghanistan.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 237

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 237, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the situation in Indonesia and East Timor.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2728

At the request of Mr. BURNS the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2728 proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2808

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2808 proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2902

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2902 proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2981

At the request of Mr. HELMS his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2981 proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2982

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2982 proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for

military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 106—COMMENDING THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR 200 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CONGRESS AND THE NATION

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. FORD, and Mr. MOYNIHAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. CON. RES. 106

Whereas the Library of Congress was established in 1800 and will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Library of Congress in 2000;

Whereas the goal of the bicentennial commemoration is to inspire creativity in the century ahead and ensure a free society through greater use of the Library of Congress and libraries everywhere;

Whereas the bicentennial goal will be achieved through a variety of national, State, and local projects, developed in collaboration with the offices of the Members of Congress, the staff of the Library of Congress, and special advisory committees; and

Whereas the bicentennial commemorative activities include significant acquisitions, symposia, exhibits, issuance of a commemorative coin, and enhanced public access to the collections of the Library of Congress through the National Digital Library: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).* That Congress commends the Library of Congress on 200 years of service to Congress and the Nation, and encourages the American public to participate in activities to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the Library of Congress.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

## THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

## HUTCHISON AMENDMENT NO. 3003

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill (S. 2057) to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 14, line 6, reduce the amount by \$23,400,000.

On page 29, line 2, increase the amount by \$23,400,000.

On page 41, after line 23, insert the following:

## SEC. 219. H-1 ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT UPGRADE.

Of the total amount authorized to be appropriated under section 201(2), \$121,942,000

shall be available for upgrade of H-1 rotary wing aircraft.

## DODD AMENDMENT NO. 3004

Mr. DODD proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2057, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following:

## SEC. 634. ELIMINATION OF BACKLOG OF UNPAID RETIRED PAY.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Army shall take such actions as are necessary to eliminate, by December 31, 1998, the backlog of unpaid retired pay for members and former members of the Army (including members and former members of the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard).

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to Congress a report on the backlog of unpaid retired pay. The report shall include the following:

(1) The actions taken under subsection (a).

(2) The extent of the remaining backlog.

(3) A discussion of any additional actions that are necessary to ensure that retired pay is paid in a timely manner.

(c) FUNDING.—Of the amount authorized to be appropriated under section 421, \$1,700,000 shall be available for carrying out this section.

## MURRAY (AND OTHERS)

## AMENDMENT NO. 3005

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. INHOFE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2057, supra; as follows:

On page 268, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

## SEC. 1064. BURIAL HONORS FOR VETERANS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) Throughout the years, men and women have unselfishly answered the call to arms, at tremendous personal sacrifice. Burial honors for deceased veterans are an important means of reminding Americans of the sacrifices endured to keep the Nation free.

(2) The men and women who serve honorably in the Armed Forces, whether in war or peace, and whether discharged, separated, or retired, deserve commemoration for their military service at the time of their death by an appropriate military tribute.

(3) It is tremendously important to pay an appropriate final tribute on behalf of a grateful Nation to honor individuals who served the Nation in the Armed Forces.

(b) CONFERENCE ON MILITARY BURIAL HONOR PRACTICES.—(1) Not later than October 31, 1998, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, convene and preside over a conference for the purpose of determining means of improving and increasing the availability of military burial honors for veterans. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall also participate in the conference.

(2) The Secretaries shall invite and encourage the participation at the conference of appropriate representatives of veterans service organizations.

(3) The participants in the conference shall—

(A) review current policies and practices of the military departments and the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to the provision of military honors at the burial of veterans;